CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SURPLUS PROPERTY



Senator Dave Cogdill, Chair

Senator Kehoe Appointed to Select Committee on Surplus Property

(June 10, 2009) -- Senator Dave Cogdill (R-Modesto) today announced the appointment of Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) to the Senate Select Committee on Surplus Property.

"I'm proud to have Senator Kehoe join the team of dynamic lawmakers serving on this committee. Senator Kehoe has never shied away from examining complex issues facing the state and I appreciate the insight she will bring to the committee's work," said Senator Cogdill.

"Selling underutilized and vacant state property is one of the ways we may help generate revenue and address California's long-term budgetary needs," said Senator Kehoe. "At the same time, we must ensure that valuable state properties are protected for current and future generations. I look forward to participating in this process."

The committee will:

- Consider the current land use regulations associated with each property.
- Examine the current operational costs and deferred maintenance costs.
- Review the method by which the state appraises properties.
- Conduct an examination of the pros and cons of selling existing fee-title to lands versus purchasing conservation easements.
- Provide necessary oversight to facilitate the sale or lease of surplus property.

The other members serving on the committee are Senator John J. Benoit (R-Bermuda Dunes), Senator Ron Calderon (D-Montebello), Senator Bob Dutton (R-Rancho Cucamonga) and Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima).

The committee's first hearing has been tentatively set for June 25, 2009.